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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

# House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

#### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> WASHINGTON, DC, January 7, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on

> JOHN A. BOEHNER.  $Speaker\ of\ the\ House\ of\ Representatives.$

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord, our God, You have shown us Your glory. You have redeemed Your

people by the revelation of Your eter-

Let Your light now shine within us. Guide us, that we may be led through the darkness found in this world to the radiant joy of Your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Jackson) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL

(Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$14.01 trillion. It rolled over to above \$14 trillion for the first time on New Year's Eve last week. On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was at \$10.63 trillion. This means the national debt has increased by 3.38 trillion since then—in just 2 short years. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and to all future Americans.

I have been submitting, and will continue to submit, this debt to the CON- GRESSIONAL RECORD daily, and I will continue to do so until Washington takes responsibility and ends its reckless spending addiction.

#### SEND YOUR RESUMES

(Mr. JACKSON of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as we enter 2011, we find ourselves in the same jobs situation as in 2010. In order to show the huge need for jobs, I will be collecting resumes from Americans who are unemployed or underemployed. I'll submit them for the Congressional Record. Unfortunately, submitting these resumes for the RECORD will not get anybody a job.

By collecting these resumes, I hope to dramatize the shameful condition of unemployment and compel Congress to do something about it. I hope to remind my colleagues every day that we work for those Americans who have been left behind but who want to work.

Today, I call on my fellow Americans to send me your resume and your story to resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov. ResumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov. If you are out of work, send me your resume and story so that I can use it to remind our government of the need to

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: America has issued us a bad check. It has come back marked "insufficient funds." But the vault of opportunity of this Nation is not bankrupt.

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